Report of Dr. G. D. Nokes re recruitment to public service.

116. *Mr. E. P. Varghese: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the report on the future recruitment to the public service by the Special Officer, Dr. G. D. Nokes, is printed?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai. Half-a-dozen confidential copies were printed.

Caste system in the State.

117. *Mr. Komilezhattu Sankaran (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they recognise caste system in Travancore; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative,

(i) among what all peoples of the State they recognise caste;

(ii) for what all purposes they recognise it; and

(iii) whether the recognition is given on any principle?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) and (*b*) The member is referred to the Travancore Census Report of 1931.

Scope of the term "inadequately represented communities."

118. *Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: Will the Government be pleased to state the percentage of literates in a community for it to be classed among the "inadequately represented communities" in view of the fact that they have defined the backward classes as "classes whose percentage of literates is below 25 per cent of the population" in their order R. Dis. 893/Genl., dated 25th June 1935?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Inadequate representation of a community in public service is not determined by the percentage of literates in that community.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: In the matter of recruitment to public service, in following the principle of communal representation, may I know whether it is literacy that is the criterion or the social status—namely whether it is a caste Hindu community or a non-caste Hindu community—that is the criterion?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The principles that govern recruitment to public service are laid down in the recruitment G. O. on the subject.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: What is the basis under which recruitment is proposed to be made?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The basis, I say, is laid down in that G. O.

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